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BLDGGETT.

Commercial hotel was last week in a blaze of glory and a nice social and dancing party at which about twenty couples were present. At 12 o'clock the refreshments were served consisting of wine and cake. Everyone had a most enjoyable time and the champagne didn't get into the boy's heels and keep them from dancing a lot more.

After popping the question the next thing is to question the pop. Will Fulcher is the only one of the Blodgett boys who handles the noted kitchen cabinet, and his horse heard so much about it that he ran away last Friday and broke a shaft from the buggy. However, he has become reconciled to his lot by this time.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Stubblefield leave this place for Benton this week, where Bob goes to install himself in to the routine of his office. They leave a host of friends who regret to see them depart and feel that our loss is Benton's gain.

Miss Minnie Baker left last Saturday for her home in East Cape Girardeau, Ill. "Why do you mourn departing friends?" If this tidal wave of combined emigration and matrimony is not met and turned back, Blodgett will soon be minus any society girls at all. "T was ever thus since childhood's hour."

It has been discovered that the Oklahoma Indians put heavy stones in the baled hay which they raised and sold to the U. S. government. Verily the day is near a hand when we may justly hail the "ingun" as a man and brother and let him vote, for does not this incident point to his rapid civilization?

Blodgett has a full-fledged literary society now, of which Prof. W. G. Atchison is president and V. O. Scofield, secretary. The subject for next Monday night is the ever recurring topic: "Shall women be allowed to vote?" together with a short but select program as a side line.

The epidemic of painless and witless fables has not yet died out. The generality of them run something like this: What is this? It is a young and anxious father with a small child in his hand. What is on the bottle? P-a-r-e-g-o-r-i-c. Where is the young and anxious father going this evening? He is going to the Baw. When he gets there he will walk juber in the presence of the members of the order now assembled. This pleasing invention of a cob-webby mind teaches us that we should never neglect to attend Sunday school, and, that under no possible combination of circumstances will seventy-five cents buy as much Mulhattan spiritus frumenti as may be obtained for one dollar. (There are also several other morals which dovetail into the preceding fable, any or all of which may be obtained on application to the Ananias club, Blodgett, Mo.)

The smiling face and brawny form of T. J. Hunnicke no longer decorates the I. M. R. R. depot, but in his stead reigns one C. E. Bolch, late of Iron Mountain. Mr. Hunnicke had repeatedly asked for a short leave of absence to visit his family, four of whom were sick at once. The company refused as often as he asked and finally Tom pulled out, willy-nilly, without further ceremony, for his home in Kimmawick. He will probably be fired, but he can get along much better, and one of the best men is off.

Dr. R. A. Sparks, M. Adams, J. W. Baty and W. R. Scherer installed the officers of Morley Lodge, I. O. O. F., last Monday night.

Somebody last summer had the gall to say that he had seen strawberries in Mississippi country which were four inches in circumference. Don't see how they could have grown in that little mud-puddle of a county without hanging over into Stoddard or New Madrid.

There are over 2,500,000 widows in the Empire. Heretofore we have been bright and youthful innocents, but now we have to avoid company with these old women, for we are all widows now.

FROM SIKESTON.

Charley Bradley, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Bradley, died Sunday, of congestive chill, after a short illness. He was about fourteen years old, bright, intelligent, and a favorite among his schoolmates. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. J. M. Crow Monday. We extend our sympathy to the bereaved.

Robt Matthews and Beach Stubblefield spent last Sunday in our town and attended church.

We know of a young man who would like to purchase the right to sell kitchen cabinets in Commerce township.

Charley Darby, James Emory and Lowndes Randol spent Sunday in Bertrand.

Miss Daisy Randol and little sister, Bessie, of Dudley, spent a few days in Sikeston the first of the week.

E. J. Malone and J. F. Cox left for Tennessee Monday, where they will dispose of kitchen cabinet territory.

Charley Cooper, of Morley, was in town Saturday.

Supposing the Newsboy to have one thousand subscribers—which we do not hesitate to say it has—and each subscriber has a family of five, then we readily see that the contents of the Newsboy is devoured by five thousand people at its legitimate destination. But then comes our neighbor—who is taking more papers 'n hekin read—and borrows it for himself and his family of ten. In this way additional thousands of readers are added until it would be next to impossible to find anyone who does not read the great and only Newsboy—while only one thousand pay for it. Remember that we are only supposing the foregoing—by reason of the number who read our Newsboy before we get a chance.

The protracted meeting closed last Monday with twenty-one additions. We will not give names, as some are too sacred to be mentioned in the Newsboy.

Business is very quiet among our local merchants.

The young people of Sikeston enjoyed an old-time ball at the Opera House Friday evening. Some time ago the Newsboy insinuated that Benton and Commerce were the only towns on the face of the earth that could produce real, up-to-date society events and referred to us as "snap" shooters. We now move to have said verdict set aside. ALRO.

FROM COMMERCE.

We have but little to say this week. We have been kept continually guessing at what the weather was going to do that we have paid little attention to the gathering of news.

Possibly Commerce has more social events than anything else. On Friday evening of last week the young folks went to the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Held and enjoyed a pleasant party. Monday night the Gleasons had an oyster supper at the Fraser residence, which proved to be a gigantic success. Mr. and Mrs. Louis Clymer entertained the young people one evening this week, and allowed them to have full control of the premises, and so it goes.

Chas. Wylie was here the first of the week visiting relatives and friends. J. M. Leftwich was also here.

Murray Campbell had business at Morley Tuesday.

Carry a bottle of Sackman's Blood Purifier.

Wednesday our town was visited by a St. Louis, Mo. hospital, where he was for three days.

There are several reasons for the fact that the young folks of Commerce are so much better than those of other towns.

FROM ORAN.

Benj. Allen, of Benton, attended church here Sunday evening.

Rev. North filled his appointments here Saturday and Sunday. There is a wee young preacher at his house.

Lou Woods was kicked by a mule Saturday and is suffering much pain.

The Oran band, accompanied by some of our young ladies, will visit Benton and Blodgett and present the play, "Brac, the Poor House Gard."

Beach Stubblefield was on the puny list this week, but declares that the bad roads between here and Commerce had nothing to do with it.

Mr. Parker, of Kentucky, moved into the Hess house this week, and his brother occupies the Geo. White residence.

Miss Mattie Cordell is visiting at Caney Station.

Caleb Matthews chased us through his mammoth warehouse Monday. He has a place for everything—from a small bolt to a steam thrasher—and says he intends to keep everything in its place. Caleb has in stock every variety of implements used on a farm—and everything marked down to hard-times prices.

Dave Spradlin, of near Commerce, was here Monday and thinks of buying a lot and building in Oran. Mr. Spradlin is said to be a good citizen and we are always glad to welcome such men.

A protracted meeting will begin at the Baptist church here next Thursday. Rev. Bogard, of Kentucky, is expected to be present.

Wm. Wilson is again a citizen of Oran.

John Dunn, of Allenville, came down on a visit Monday.

What is the matter with the Blodgett correspondent? We missed his letter last week.

It is rumored that Artie Davis had quite a sum of money stolen from him at Neelyville.

Rev. Maddox brought a fat hog home with him from Bell City. The hog was taken as part pay for preaching. Bro. Maddox knows a good thing when he sees it.

T. N. Myers shipped a car-load of hay to Alabama Tuesday.

W. H. Stubblefield is at Jackson.

The advance assessment of the new members of the Fraternal Mystic Circle is now due, and the members will please pay at once. UXO.

FROM NEW HAMBURG.

Judge Williams, of the Cape, and Mr. Bufford, of Buffordville, were in town Friday soliciting insurance.

Frank Kuhn's new residence is nearing completion and will soon be ready to receive its new landlord.

Lawrence Bucher was at the county seat Saturday.

A new boarder that's bound to stay arrived at Peter Bosen's residence. Pete is proud that one more Democrat has come to save the country. A. D. 1916.

John G. Scherer and Const. Grojeau visited in New York settlement Monday.

Geo. Reinagel gave Benton a call on Monday.

Benton and New Hamburg will in the near future be connected by telephone. The poles have been hauled along the road, and the undertaking will soon be completed. Who says Southeast Missouri does not keep up with the rest of the Union. The next thing will be the electric lights dangling from Benton, New Hamburg and Kelsa to the Cape so as to have light to see our way home.

David Stehr visited Commerce Monday and reports the roads in bad condition. X.

The Newspaper Borrower.

There are men in every locality who will not subscribe for the Newsboy, but constantly borrow it and almost invariably read the paper before the man who pays for it gets a chance. If we did not fear that they would refuse to take the paper from the postoffice we would send them the paper free of charge to show our appreciation. We are sure that the Newsboy is a paper that is worth the price he asks for it.

He Will Amend the Melon Bill.

Representative DeReign spent last Sunday at home with his family and friends. A Newsboy reporter interviewed him regarding the melon bill, of which he said: "I drafted the bill hurriedly at my desk and did not have time to thoroughly consider it. I will amend the bill so that the cost of inspection will be reduced to fifty cents, to be paid by the shipper, and that a melon inspector for each county where melons are raised be appointed by the warehouse commissioner instead of the county court."

"What is your reason for making the latter change?"

"I fear that in some counties the courts might neglect or refuse to appoint an inspector and that would be an injustice to counties where inspectors exist. By making it the duty of a state official he will appoint inspectors for all counties where melons are marketed."

"Will the salary of the assistant inspectors be fixed?"

"No; that is a matter for the chief inspector to determine. He must give bond for the faithful discharge of his duty and the state nor county has nothing to do with his assistance. He will be held responsible for their acts."

"There is nothing compulsory on the part of the grower—except that he is liable if he sells green melons and represents them to be ripe. A grower or shipper need not have his melons inspected unless he so desires. But when the law is once in force, and a car enters the market without the inspector's certificate attached to it, it will be regarded with a great deal of suspicion and the growers will soon learn that it will be to their interest to have the melons inspected."

Mr. DeReign has also introduced a bill asking for an appropriation of \$10,000 for the continuation of the topographical survey of the swamp lands of Southeast Missouri, of which the Cape Democrat says: "The bill should be passed without opposition. Southeast Missouri is the richest section of the state, and if the swamp lands are reclaimed there is no section of country on earth that could compare with it in the way of agricultural greatness. We hope our Southeast Missouri members will stand by Mr. DeReign in his effort to help this section of the state."

Mr. DeReign returned to Jefferson City Monday.

There is No Such Law.

In nearly every section of the country there are so-called newspapers which exist by the mere "skin of the teeth." These papers are sent out broadcast, and then the publishers undertake to collect for them by trying to scare the people into believing that there is a law compelling a man to pay for a paper because he takes it from the postoffice. They even go so far as to claim that it has been held to be petit larceny to take a newspaper from the postoffice without paying for it.

There is no such law, and there has been no such decision. A publisher has no more right to force his paper upon you than a merchant has to force his goods upon you.

The cash in advance system is the only method by which a newspaper can be properly conducted. It is more satisfactory to the subscriber, as well as to the publisher. You get what you pay for and nothing more. When your time expires your paper stops, unless you renew, and you are not annoyed with a paper you do not want. When a publisher is afraid to ask cash, it is simply an admission that his paper is not worth the price he asks for it.

They are on the Wrong.

There are seven you in this city who are advertising in the Newsboy. Heart and Hand.

Geo. Adams, of the Newsboy, will guarantee to publish your advertisement for one month for the price of one month's subscription. We are still in the hands of the Newsboy.

FROM KELS.

Wm. Sorell and family left for Cape Girardeau Monday of last week. Doc. Speaks, formerly of New Hamburg, is clerking for Geo. G. Wright in the place of Wm. Sorell.

Mrs. W. E. Harris, of Oran, is visiting relatives here this week.

Mrs. Speaks, of Cape Girardeau, was here visiting her husband last Saturday.

O. C. Burton left for Commerce Wednesday to resume his saloon business.

J. T. Harris made a business trip to Bleda last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Randol are here this week. They are boarding with Fritz Sackbery.

We understand that J. T. Harris has bought Capt. Ward L. Smith's large farm at Bleda.

Mrs. Della James visited friends at Cape Girardeau Sunday and Monday last. Schoolboy.

Monkeyed With Horse-Traders.

A lot of horse-traders have been located in the Hickory Grove settlement during the past week, and it is needless to say that they always find men who are willing to trade.

Charley Hutchison, who carries the mail from Benton station to the post office concluded that he could find time enough between mails to make a trade, so he took his "trading horse" and went to the trader's camp. Of course they were not in a trading humor, but Mr. Hutchison had come for a trade and they did not want to see him go away dissatisfied, so they concluded to let him have one of their best horses, and a trade was made—but before Mr. Hutchison got home his newly acquired horse had farts, thumps, staggers, heaves, and everything that horse-flesh is heir to.

The next morning Mr. Hutchison took the horse back to the traders and offered them some money to exchange the horse, but they refused, whereupon he left the diseased horse and came to Benton and got out a writ of replevin.

Accompanied by Deputy Sheriff Henderson Mr. Hutchison returned to the camp. The writ was served, but the horse was gone. The traders claimed that they had traded the horse to a stranger. But this explanation sounded "fishy" to the deputy sheriff, so a search was begun and the horse found at Henry Smith's stable, in Oran, and brought to Benton. The matter will come up before Squire Welch on February 2.

Mr. Hutchison claims that the traders represented the horse to be sound, and says he has proof to this effect. However, the lesson learned by Mr. Hutchison should be a warning to others. The travelling horse-trader is a poor investment. He usually has diseased and worse than worthless horses that must be taken away from the locality where they are known before they are sold.

Since written tale of woe. He has brot George Mill "cured" trade. Th of the year

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A Paper That is Worth Reading.

Bear in mind that the Newsboy is always worth reading—every word of it. On the first page you will find local news and correspondence. On the second page we give you the news in general, together with a detailed account of what our State legislature is doing. On the third page appears an entertaining illustrated story, entitled "Mystery of Post No. 3," and on the fourth will be found the editorial summary, the news of the Southeast, and selections.

Religious Matters.

A protracted meeting of the ministers and members of Charleston Baptist Association will be held at Bethel church, three miles south of Blodgett, beginning Thursday evening before the 25th Sunday in March next. An entertaining program has been arranged and a large attendance is expected. On the day of the opening of the meeting all trains will be met by conveyances for the accommodation of those who wish to attend. Everybody is invited to attend. H. PATTERSON, P. C.

WOMAN'S GOSSIP.

Chas. Drury, of Commerce to-ship, called on the Newsboy Monday. He is somewhat of a violinist and took a look at our fifty thousand dollar Cremona. Few people believe yet it is a fact. Of course we do not know its value, but that the violin is very valuable there is no doubt. It was made in Cremona, Italy, in 1736, and we are now in correspondence with musical experts to ascertain its value.

It is claimed that there is always a "calm before the storm." The first boarder who applied for accommodations at the Gup-ton house was a colored gentleman from Commerce, last Saturday, serving out a forty days' sentence for stealing. He being the first customer of the season, no doubt Jailer Gup-ton will entertain him in royal style—and furnish him fifteen-cent cigars after meals in order to advertise the place.

Constable Bliss, of Commerce township, brought Henry Johnson (colored) to Benton jail to serve out a forty days' sentence for stealing a skirt from Cy. Lomax last November. The prisoner was brought to Benton handcuffed. The constable had broken the key and Thos. Stone had to cut the "bracelets" from the prisoner's wrists.

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Dr. R. A. Sparks and Ab. Wright, of Blodgett, came to Benton on Friday of last week, just in time to be too late to get their names in last week's Newsboy. If only they had been here, they would have been very helpful.

Prof. Winkelman, burg, called on us Saturday. He is always agreeable and is to say a good word for his creamery. Such men are fit to the community in which they live.

Charley Wylie, who has been the employ of the Iron-Mount Railway Company at Frederick, is at home. He visited at Commerce the first of the week.

John Costner and Loevinia Norris, of Tywappity township, came to Benton and were married by Squire Welch last Tuesday. And the Squire was made happy.

Phillip Gault was in to take a look at the Newsboy building Saturday. Like all farmers he complained of the miserable condition of our public roads.

A man gets a suit of clothes about once in six years, if he has good luck. A woman wants a new dress every time she "goes out"—luck or no luck.

The man who howls loudest for eight hours work a day is twice as long doing a thing as the man who works as many hours as possible.

Mr. Kirkpatrick, of Diehlstadt, has been awarded the contract to rebuild the Baptist church recently destroyed by fire at Cross Plains.

We don't have to "go gunning" for trade. Business men know where to get satisfactory work, and nearly every mail brings us orders.

When people from our neighboring towns come to Benton we want them to come in and tell us what they know.

The woman who doesn't have to earn her living knows of a hundred ways she could earn a livelihood if she had to.

The United States Revenue law does not prohibit a man from peddling leaf tobacco of his own raising.

The little folks of Benton and vicinity had a pleasant time at the Arnold residence Saturday evening.

Hall & Cooper lands for sale on time payments. Apply to Albert C. Davis, 320 Olive street, St. Louis.

With the thaw on our Blodgett correspondent—all spraddled out. He is unusually "brave" this week.

The band boys are contemplating a great ball in Benton some time next month. Stand firm under.

Jos. Norrid fell and sustained very painful injuries to his back and Friday, but is able to be up.

Constable Benton of Morley, was in town Saturday and reported everything civil on his beat.

Roy Williams, the bright little P. R. Williams, of Kelsa, New York, was here.

Phadit only got five instead of seven—as sue.

Who was quite side up.